

Date	High	Low	5 p.m.	Rain
Sept. 13	71	52	59	
Sept. 14	68	39	51	
Sept. 15	69	43	53	
Sept. 16	73	48	58	
Sept. 17	75	52	70	
Sept. 18	76	51	69	
Sept. 19	73	52	71	

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Rotary Club To Be Host To Kelly Bennett, Area Governor

The Rotary Club of Boone will be host Thursday to Kelly E. Bennett, governor of the 280 District of Rotary International, who is making his annual visit to each of the 37 Rotary Clubs in the 280th District of North Carolina. He will address the club and confer with President Louis H. Smith, Secretary Nicholas Ernest and committee chairman on Rotary administration and service activities. Mr. Bennett is owner of Bennett's Drug Store in Bryson City and is a member of the Rotary Club in Bryson City. He was elected District Governor of Rotary International for the 1955-56 fiscal year at Rotary's Golden Anniversary Convention in Chicago last June. He is one of 238 District Governors supervising the activities of some 8,700 Rotary Clubs which have a membership of 414,000 business and professional executives in 92 countries and geographical regions throughout the world.



KELLY E. BENNETT
Rotary District Governor

Bids Sought For Health Center

Bids are to be received by the Board of County Commissioners until 2 o'clock October 28th, for the construction and equipment of the new Watauga County Health Center, which is to be constructed as soon as the contracts can be awarded.

The structure will be 30 feet wide, 70 feet long, will be constructed on the county home property west of Boone, and will be used exclusively for health department services.

The total cost of the structure will be about \$33,000. Of this amount the Federal government supplied one-half, and the State and county one-fourth each.

County Agent Is Back From National Meet

W. C. Richardson, assistant county agricultural agent, has just returned from the 40th annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents held on the Michigan State University campus. He and Mrs. Richardson helped make up the 1,200 from 47 states who attended this meeting.

Industrial leaders expressed some of their ideas to the agents present. William A. Keller, Studebaker Corporation, believes that forty percent more agricultural products will be hauled in the farmers' own trucks within ten years, especially if road building is given proper consideration.

Raymond Firestone, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, expressed great concern over the surpluses existing in this country and the great need for the food in many other lands.

John Hannah, president of Michigan State University, addressed the group, stating that the American farmer's initiative is the key to his success. He also paid tribute to county agricultural agents as an important part of "team ap-

proach" of the land-grant college and the university system.

American farmers are entitled to "parity of opportunity," declared D. B. Varner, vice-president of the university. He urged the agents to take their places as "Mr. Agriculture" in their counties. Agents should continue to direct their efforts to help agriculture become more efficient.

Agent Richardson also had opportunity of hearing the Honorable Harold Cooley, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Mr. Cooley is very much concerned with the smaller amount of net income farmers are receiving and would like to enact legislation to correct this situation.

An innovation was the "Share the Fun" program which is sponsored by U. S. Rubber Company. Five talented acts were given by Michigan 4-H Club members.

These state and national winners showed the importance of recreation in the extension program.

Mr. Richardson believes his time was well occupied at all the time (Continued on page six.)

Auto Dealers To Supply Cars School Program

Boone automobile dealers met recently for the purpose of setting up a schedule for the dealers to follow in supplying automobiles for the two schools offering courses in driver training.

These two schools are Appalachian High and Cove Creek High. Mr. Andrews, of the Andrews Chevrolet Co. presided over the meeting, at which an agreement was reached between those present to set up the following schedule, the dealers mentioned being responsible for the cars for the years listed:

1955-56, Highlander Motor Co.; 1956-57 Andrews Chevrolet Co.; 1957-58 Winkler Motor Co.; 1958-59 Brown and Graham Motor Co.; 1959-60 Greene Buick, Inc.

Mr. Andrews pointed out that under the agreement dealers would be responsible for the years mentioned, but that any two dealers would be able to furnish the cars together for any given year by agreement.

The Board of Education felt that this rotation plan, wherein all dealers would participate, would relieve any one dealer from bearing the expense of the program.

The instructors for driver training at Appalachian are Mr. Groce and Mrs. Mary L. Schell. At Cove Creek Miss Jennie Love is the instructor.

The cars will be made available to the schools as soon as delivery is made on the 1956 models and the dual controls are installed.

Bond Sales On Increase Here

Purchases of U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina continues to show an increase with sales for the month of August amounting to \$4,311,799.75; compared with a year ago the gain is 14%. This is the highest amount for any month of August in 10 years. For the first eight months of this year, North Carolinians have purchased \$37,516,288.25 in U. S. Savings Bonds. This amount represents 64% of the annual State quota of \$58,800,000.

This report, released today by Alfred T. Adams, Watauga County Chairman, reveals that August County sales were \$2,550.00.

BRITAIN'S FINANCES

Britain's gold and dollar reserves dropped \$136,000,000 last month. They amounted to \$2,544,000,000 on July 31, nearly half a billion dollars below what they were a year before that.

AUTOMOBILE MARKET

Expressing concern at the "record number" of unsold automobiles and dealer failures, a Senate Interstate Commerce Committee announced it would watch the automobile market closely "in the critical months ahead."



A. T. ADAMS

Adams Is Named Key Banker For Watauga County

A local banker, A. T. Adams, cashier of the Northwestern Bank, has been selected by the North Carolina Bankers Association as County Key Banker for Watauga County.

The appointment was announced today in Warrenton by the president of the Bankers Association, John G. Mitchell, president of The Citizens Bank, Warrenton.

The County Key Banker is one of the most important officials of the bankers organization in this State. In a predominantly agricultural State such as North Carolina, bankers are keenly aware of their responsibility to work closely with all phases of farming.

The Key Banker establishes a close cooperation between farm leaders, both State and local, and promotes local support and interest in programs which lead to a sound agricultural economy for North Carolina.

The North Carolina Bankers Association also announced today that it has won, for the 11th straight year, the top award of the American Bankers Association for constructive work performed last year by its agriculture committee. The committee last year was headed by E. C. Thompson, vice president and cashier of Branch Banking and Trust Company, Warsaw.

Boone Women Hurt In Crash

Two Boone women suffered injuries Friday in an automobile collision in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. C. J. Farthing suffered a broken right wrist, while Mrs. J. C. Farthing had a deep cut on the forehead.

Mr. C. J. Farthing was the driver of the car from Boone, and the other one was driven by Raymond E. Stevens of Mount Airy. Investigating officers said both drivers said they had the green light at the intersection.

After being treated at Baptist Hospital for their injuries the Mesdames Farthing returned to Boone.

Ministers In Meeting Here

The Three Forks Baptist Ministers Conference held its monthly meeting Monday morning, Sept. 12, at the First Baptist Church of Boone.

Officers for the coming year were elected, and are as follows: Rev. C. O. Vance, president; Rev. Homer Greene, vice-president; Rev. J. Hoyt Roberson, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be Oct. 10th at 10:30 a. m. at the First Baptist Church in Boone.

All pastors in the association are urged to attend.

Also on Friday, Oct. 14 there will be a picnic supper at Camp Joy at 5:00 p. m. All pastors and their families are urged to attend.

Miss Horton At State NCEA Meet

Mrs. John R. Horton of Valle Crucis School attended the State-wide meeting of chairmen of Public Relations Committees of the North Carolina Education Association in Raleigh, Saturday, September 17.

Public relations chairmen from all units of the state attended the day long meeting. A discussion of the school and community in partnership was a highlight of the meeting and was the general theme of all phases of the conference.

Douglas, Waynick Visit Boone To Promote Small Industries

Appalachian Meets W.C. In First North State Conference Game

By RUSSELL McDONALD
Appalachian State Teachers College will be host to Western Carolina College Saturday, September 24 at 8 p. m. This will be the first conference game for both teams and will be watched closely by North State followers.

The Mountaineers of Appalachian won their opening game of the season 46 to 7 as they defeated the Newport News Apprentice School on September 10. This past Saturday the Mountaineers enjoyed an open date.

The Catamounts of Western Carolina were defeated in their game of the season 21 to 7 by Wofford College. This past Saturday they were host to Carson-Newman.

The series between Appalachian and Western Carolina dates back to 1932 and since that time 19 games have been played. Appalachian has won 18 of the contests so far with Western Carolina's lone win coming in 1949 by the score of 13 to 6.

The Mountaineers will use the same starting line-up this Saturday as they did against Newport News. At end will be Bob Ward and Bob Poe. These two ended blocked an Apprentice School punt and gave the Mountaineers their first score of the game as Ward recovered in the end zone. Ward is in his first year at Appalachian while Poe is a junior.

At tackles will be All-Conference Fredrick Lippard and letterman Ted Freeman. Lippard, a junior, hails from Statesville and Freeman comes from Chimney Rock.

R. E. Cummings, a Winston-Salem product, and Hillard Clark from Lenoir will handle the guard positions. Clark is a junior and Cummings is a senior.

The center position will be either Joe Eller or Buck Hall. Eller started the first game of the season against Newport News. Hall, a letterman and senior, was a regular of last season till he received a broken leg in the Lenoir Rhyne game.

The quarterback will be Jimmy Moore of Winston-Salem. Moore ran 57 yards to score in the season's opener as he returned an Apprentice School punt. The App's quarterback also passed for two more touchdowns.

Jim Ollis and Orbe Elam will be the halfbacks for Saturday's game. Elam received a shoulder injury in the opening game but will be ready to go. Ollis is a senior and Elam a junior.

The fullback will be Jim Kiser from Shelby. Kiser is one of the co-captains and is a senior at Appalachian this year. Assisting Kiser will be Joe Garwood of Wilkesboro. Both are hard runners and top defensive players.

Western Carolina, with the largest squad in the conference, will probably have Jack Cunningham and Terry Swanger at ends. Cunningham, a 6' 3" junior, hails from Sylva while Swanger comes from Hazelwood. Swanger is a senior standing 6' 1".

Hubert Edwards and Warren Wright will work the tackle spots for the Catamounts.

Truett Lingerfelt, a senior from Belmont, and Bobby Kuykendall will be running at guards. Lingerfelt stands 6' 1" and weight 185 pounds. Kuykendall pushes the scales to 190 and is 5' 11".

At center will be Jim Kuykendall, a junior, weighing 190.

Leading the backfield will be

Mrs. Ada Smith Taken By Death

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ada Klutz Smith, 73, a member of one of Albemarle's oldest families, were held Wednesday morning in the chapel at Lefler Funeral home in that city.

Rev. D. Moody Nifong and Rev. Dan B. Sapp officiated and burial was in the family plot in the Albemarle cemetery.

For the past two and a half years, Mrs. Smith had lived in the home of a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greer, formerly of Boone.

quarterback Tommy Lewis. A junior from Chardorn, Lewis, weighs only 160 and stands 5' 9".

The halfbacks will be Jack Hendricks and Charles Poindexter. Hendricks calls Asheville home and stands 5' 11" but weighs only 165. Poindexter, a senior, comes

from Canton and tops the scales at 180.

The fullback will be Pat Pattillo from Franklin. Pattillo is a senior and is the heaviest man in the backfield at 190.

All of Western Carolina's starting team are lettermen except Wright at right tackle.

Survey Made Of County's Resources

Hon. Ben Douglas, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, and Mr. Capus Waynick, chairman of the Governor's Small Business Committee, visited Boone last week, in line with their duties looking to the promotion of small industries in as many counties as possible.

The Governor believes that if North Carolina is to grow industrially a part of the growth must come from within. Thus he has appointed this committee, and Watauga has been selected as a demonstration county.

A survey has been made of the county's assets and will make some suggestions as to small industries which might be developed to improve local timber resources, conserve food products and to provide additional employment.

To aid in financing such programs a special State bank is proposed, which would probably take a "little more risky loans than ordinary commercial banks." Loans would be taken, it is understood, on a basis of 5, 10, 15 and maybe 20 years. Such a bank would have a million dollar capital and have arrangements with other financial institutions to loan up to ten million dollars.

Stock To Be Offered
Messrs Douglas and Waynick arranged for the sale of bank stock in Watauga and the matter was presented to a small group, who endorsed the proposal. Most of them agreed to buy small amounts of stocks. Shares are for sale at ten dollars each.

Committee Is Named
A committee was appointed here and definite plans for the sale of stock will be worked out soon. The committee is: Ralph Winkler, chairman; Alfred Adams, Glenn Andrews, Wade Brown, S. C. Eggers, Clyde R. Greene, H. Grady Farthing, Boone; Howard Holsinger, and R. B. Hardin, Blowing Rock. Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock and Stanley A. Harris of Boone are ex-officio members of the committee by virtue of being presidents of their respective Chambers of Commerce.

FOREIGN MINISTERS

A simultaneous announcement from Washington, London and Paris is said that the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and France would meet in New York on September 27 to map coordinated tactics for the meeting of the foreign ministers of the Big Four in Geneva in October. If Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov happens to be in New York City at that time, he will be consulted also.

Dr. Herbert Wey On White House Group

Dr. Herbert W. Wey, head of the department of education and associate dean of the graduate school at Appalachian State Teachers

College, has been appointed to North Carolina's committee on Education. The appointment was made by Dr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of public instruction



DR. HERBERT W. WEY

for the state. Governor Luther Hodges is serving as honorary chairman of the project.

The conference is to study selected educational problems, and will later hold a National White House Conference "to consider and report to the President on significant and pressing problems in the field of education."

According to Dr. Carroll, the theme of the conference will be "American Education—20th Century," and the study will center around the following questions: What should our schools accomplish? In what ways can we organize our school system more efficiently and economically? What are our school building needs? How can we get enough good teachers—and keep them? How can we finance our schools—build and operate them? How can we obtain a continuing public interest in education?

Dr. Wey attended the first meeting of the state committee in Raleigh on September 13. Next week he will be in Greenville on Wednesday, Fayetteville on Thursday, Asheville on Friday, and the following week in Greensboro on Monday, Charlotte on Tuesday, and Blowing Rock on Wednesday for regional meetings. The state committee will hold a meeting of its full membership on October 13.

Rural Phone Bids To Be Open Today

Mr. G. W. Edwards, president of the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, announced today that bids for the construction of the new telephone system in Watauga County will be opened at the office of the corporation, in West Jefferson, on Thursday, September 22, at 10:30 a. m. He also stated that bids for the central office equipment for the project will be opened at Charlotte

on October 4.

Mr. Edwards stated that it is hoped that the major portion of the outside construction will be completed before bad weather sets in this winter, but that the actual cut-over time of the project will be dependent on the delivery and installation of the central office equipment. This is normally expected to be around eight

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Skyland Institute An Important Early-Day Blowing Rock School

By D. P. COFFEY
Blowing Rock, N. C.

In the early and middle eighties of the nineteenth century, at what is now the town of Blowing Rock including Green Park, there was only one small store and a few homes in what is now the business section with probably two houses in the Green Park section. There were no schools at or near Blowing Rock except the one teacher, three months district schools.

After having established a school at All Healing Springs (in Easton County, N. C.) Miss Emily S. Prudden of Minnesota came to Blowing Rock for a vacation in the summer of 1885. On her second vacation in 1886, she purchased a large boundary of unimproved land about half way between what is now the village and the Green Park section of town. In 1887 she built a large dormitory in this property and opened school in September of that year. The dormitory was also used for class

rooms for sometime. This was Skyland Institute. The school was a great success from the beginning. Though the dormitory was built primarily for girls some of them who had small brothers were permitted to bring them in provided they could take care of them. Those boys for one winter were in one large room on the third floor. There was no fire escape except the stairway in the center of the building. Each evening after supper (as we called it in those days) all gathered in the large class room for devotional services and study hour.

By the third year there were about sixty-five in the house and nearly as many day pupils. Skyland Institute was the second of fifteen schools built by Miss Prudden in twenty-six years in North Carolina and South Carolina for white and colored. Two of them being in South Carolina. Miss Susan F. Hinman was the first teacher. By their leadership and

that of other teachers many girls and boys and the community have greatly benefited. It is probable that all of the teachers have passed on except Miss Hinman who was still living February 6, 1950 at Elyria, Ohio. After spending some time in China she taught in 1899 and 1900 in a school built by Miss Prudden, at Hudson, N. C. Quoting one verse of a hymn she liked:

"Traveling to a better land
O'er the deserts scorching sand,
Father do Thou hold my hand
And lead me on, lead me on."

Miss Prudden built a few cottages which were occupied by teachers and students. She sold a good many lots and several houses sprang up near the school. A two story building was also erected just across the "turn-pike road" from the dormitory. This was two large rooms. The lower one was occupied for some time by the matron and her daughter who was (Continued on page six.)



NEW LEGION HEADQUARTERS—Shown is a revised architect's drawing of the first permanent home the North Carolina Department of The American Legion has ever owned in the 36 years it has been in operation since its organization in 1919. The Department headquarters building, which will, completely equipped, cost between \$110,000.00 and \$115,000.00, will be built in Raleigh at the corner of Blount Street and New Bern Avenue, a block east of the State Capitol. Governor Luther H. Hodges, a charter member of the Leaksville-Spray Post of The American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the groundbreaking exercises to be held at the building site at 4 p. m. Sunday, September 25. Department Commander Paul H. Robertson of Chapel Hill will introduce Governor Hodges. G. E. Bobbitt of Raleigh, chairman of the special building committee, will preside. Legionnaires and members of the Legion Auxiliary from all parts of North Carolina are invited to attend the event.